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DIVISION OF  
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Dear Mr. Bown:

On January 16, I received your plan of operations for the Dove Creek Quarry amendment for proposed Large Mining Operation by Utah Building Stone Supply.

An Environmental Assessment as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will need to be conducted before the plan can be approved.

We currently do not have adequate staff to complete this Environmental Assessment and estimate that it may take us up to three years to complete that task. If you would like to expedite the processing of your Plan of Operations, you may want to consider selecting a qualified consultant to do that work.

If you chose to contract this work, a Memorandum of Understanding will need to be drafted for any National Environmental Policy's Act work. The Burley Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest retains responsibility for NEPA compliance and with any and all other appropriate regulations and guidelines relating to NEPA. In doing so, the rights are reserved to independently evaluate the principals of the consultant and all subcontractors to be involved in the analysis and in preparing the EA/EIS for expertise.

Please keep in mind that you have no authority to operate under portions of the plan you submitted until the work described above has been completed. If you have any questions please contact Carmela Romerio or me at the Burley Ranger District (208) 678-0430.

Sincerely,

DONALD E. "PETE" PETERSON  
District Ranger

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